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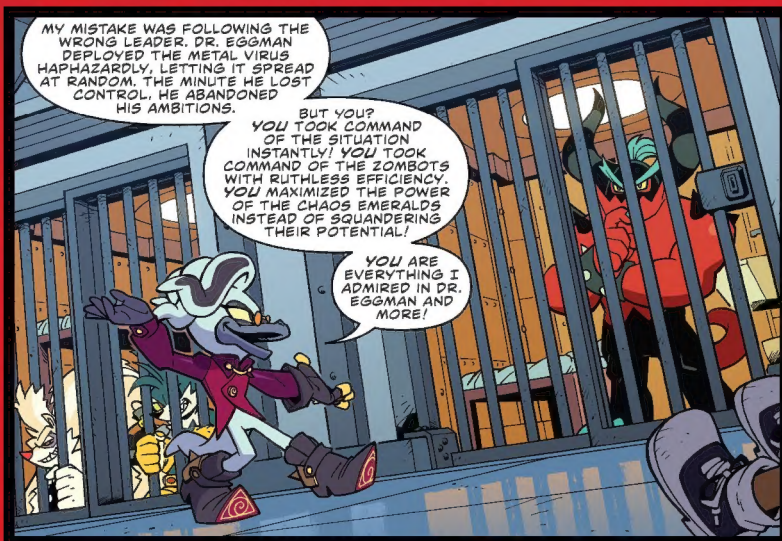
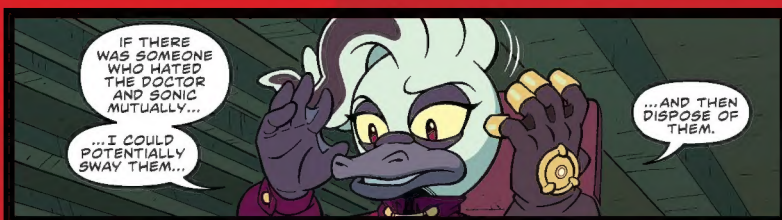
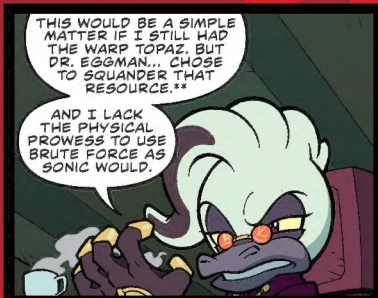
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## STORY SO FAR







**DR. STARLINE**

Threat Level: 7/10  
Disgraced Dr. Eggman protégé.



**ZAVOK**

Threat Level: 10/10  
Plan to take over the world ruined, in part, by Eggman.



**MIMIC**

Threat Level: 8/10  
Failed mercenary on the run.



**ROUGH**

Threat Level: 3/10  
Occasional Eggman lackey, just along for the ride.



**TUMBLE**

Threat Level: 3/10  
Occasional Eggman lackey, in it for the weapons.



"I'VE ASSEMBLED QUITE  
THE MOTLEY CREW.

"MIMIC,  
THE EXPERT  
INFILTRATOR..."

"...TUMBLE,  
A POWERFUL  
OAF..."

"...ROUGH,  
A VICIOUS  
SCOUNDREL..."

"...AND ZAVOK,  
THE FEARSOME  
LEADER OF THE  
DEADLY SIX."





EVERY ONE OF THEM THINKS WE'RE IN THIS TO GET REVENGE ON DR. EGGMAN.

BUT NONE OF THEM SUSPECT THEY'RE ALL JUST PARTS IN A MUCH LARGER PLAN TO PUT ME BACK IN HIS GOOD GRACES.

SOON THE NAME "DR. STARLINE" WILL BE WELCOME IN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE ONCE AGAIN!



BUT FIRST, I NEED THE POWER TO KEEP PACE IN A WORLD OF SUPERSONIC HEDGEHOGS...

EARLIER.

THESE ARE OUR TARGETS, GENTLEMEN. POWER CORES.

POWER FLY SPEED



HA! WHAT'RE WE S'POSED TO DO WITH THOSE? BUILD A BALL PIT?

WE'VE BEEN BANNED FROM ALL OF 'EM 'CAUSE WE KEEP KICKIN' OUT ALL THE KIDS.

THEY WANT THE TURF? THEY GOTTA FIGHT FOR IT.



THAT'S EGGMAN TECH, ISN'T IT?

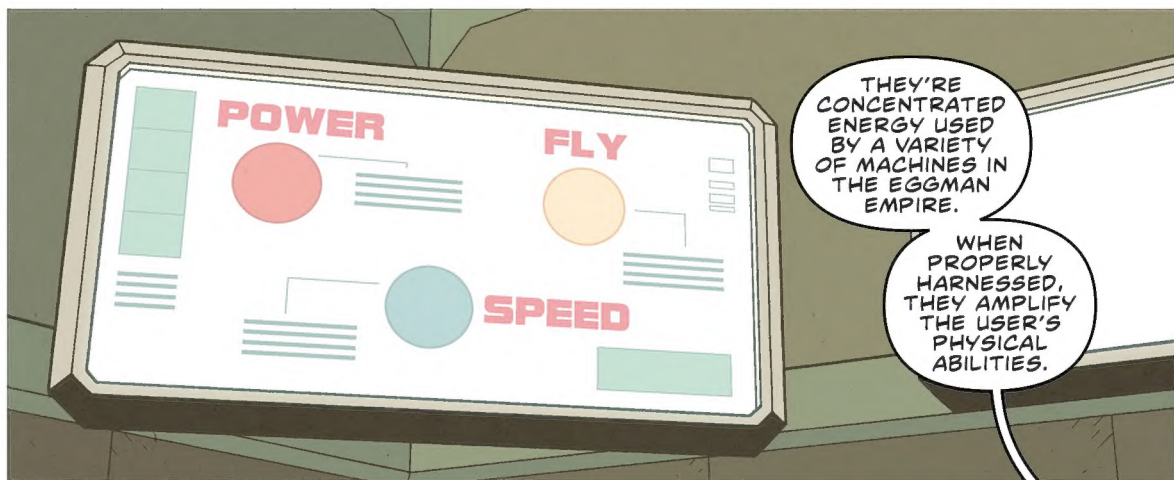
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GET ME OFF HIS RADAR, NOT TICK HIM OFF MORE.



WE NEED THEIR POWER FOR PHASE TWO OF THE PLAN. THEN YOU'LL BE ERASED FROM HIS RECORDS, NOT BEFORE.

WHAT DO THESE CORES DO?





THEY'RE CONCENTRATED ENERGY USED BY A VARIETY OF MACHINES IN THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.

WHEN PROPERLY HARNESSSED, THEY AMPLIFY THE USER'S PHYSICAL ABILITIES.



IN YOUR CASE, A RED POWER CORE CAN DOUBLE YOUR ALREADY INCREDIBLE STRENGTH, SIR.

INDEED? AND HOW DO WE HARNESS THEIR POWER?



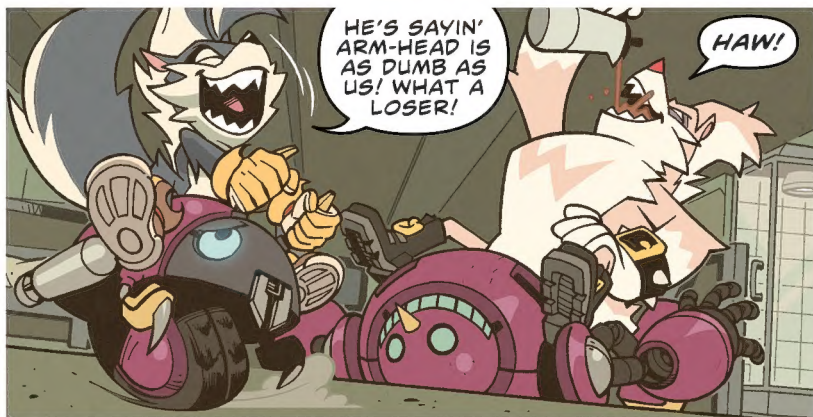
JUST BY TOUCHING THEIR E.M. CASINGS, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.

THROUGH SPECIAL ADAPTORS I WILL BUILD AND SUPPLY YOU WITH.

POWER IS FLEETING. HOW DOES THIS GET ME CLOSER TO DISAPPEARING?

I EXPECTED TO HAVE TO SPELL THINGS OUT FOR ROUGH AND TUMBLE, BUT I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE STRINGING IT TOGETHER.

DON'T PUSH ME, DOC.



HE'S SAYIN' ARM-HEAD IS AS DUMB AS US! WHAT A LOSER!

HAW!





VERY WELL. PHASE TWO OF THE PLAN HAS US INFILTRATING ONE OF THE VERY FEW EGGNET HUBS.

IT ROUTES ALL DATA FLOW WITHIN DR. EGGMAN'S NETWORK. ONCE WE TAKE COMMAND OF THAT, WE COMMAND ALL OF HIS INFORMATION.

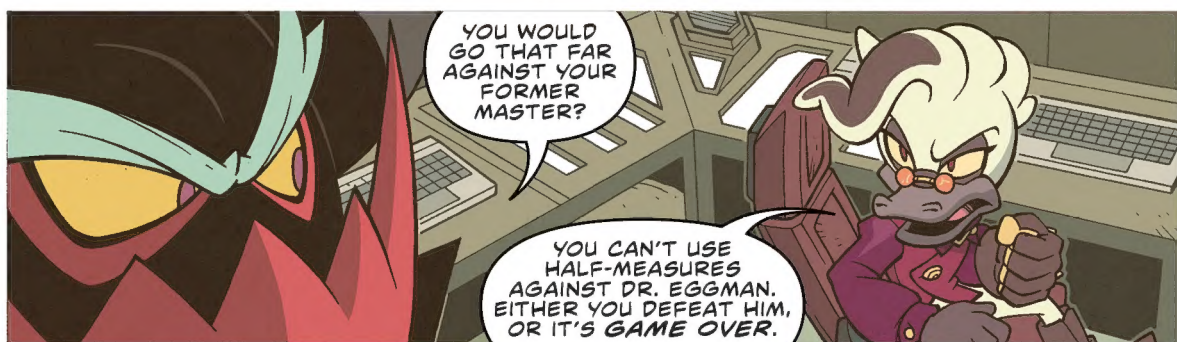


WITH THAT KIND OF ACCESS, YOU CAN MAKE IT LIKE I NEVER EXISTED. I CAN MOVE FREELY. FINALLY FOCUS ON GETTING REVENGE.



YOU COULD ALSO REWRITE THE COMMAND LINE FOR HIS ARMIES. TURN HIS ENTIRE EMPIRE ON HIM IN AN INSTANT.

THERE ARE FAIL-SAFES, BUT EVERYTHING WITHIN THAT HUB'S REGION WOULD BE PRONE TO EXACTLY THAT.



YOU WOULD GO THAT FAR AGAINST YOUR FORMER MASTER?

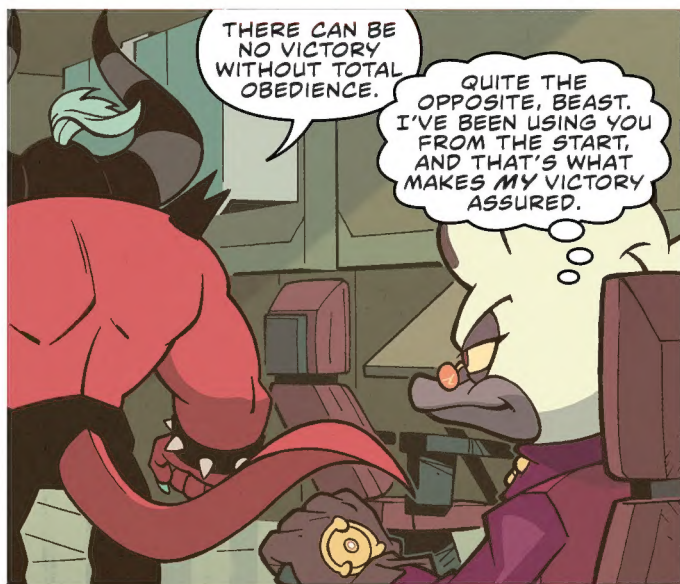
YOU CAN'T USE HALF-MEASURES AGAINST DR. EGGMAN. EITHER YOU DEFEAT HIM, OR IT'S **GAME OVER**.



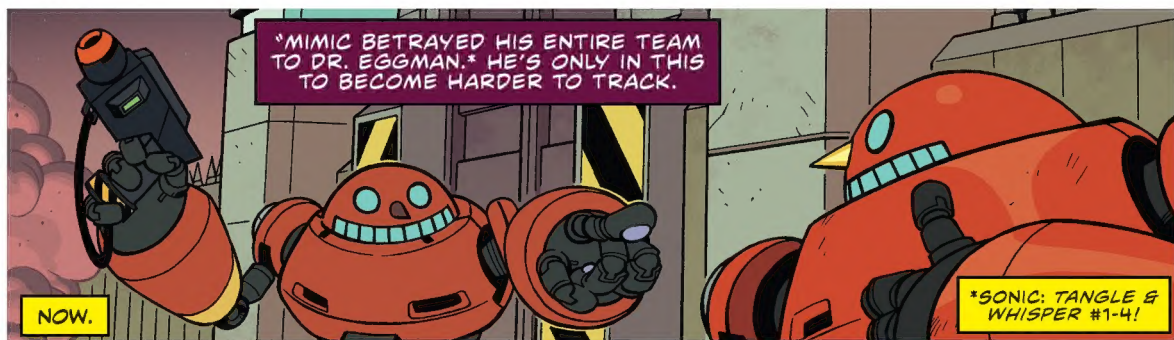
BUT WE **CANNOT** GET THAT FAR WITHOUT THE EDGE GIVEN TO US BY THE CORES.

FINE. FINE.









"MIMIC BETRAYED HIS ENTIRE TEAM TO DR. EGGMAN.\* HE'S ONLY IN THIS TO BECOME HARDER TO TRACK."

NOW.

\*SONIC: TANGLE & WHISPER #1-4!



"HE'S DANGEROUS. TOO DANGEROUS TO LET LOOSE AFTER ALL THIS."



"ROUGH AND TUMBLE ARE DUMB, BLUNT OBJECTS. BUT THEY'RE DRIVEN AND VENGEFUL. JUST THE SORT TO CAUSE PROBLEMS AT THE WRONG TIME."

"IT'D BE SAFER IF THEY WERE ELIMINATED, TOO."



"AND ZAVOK--OH-HO-HO, ZAVOK. EASILY THE MOST DANGEROUS ONE HERE."

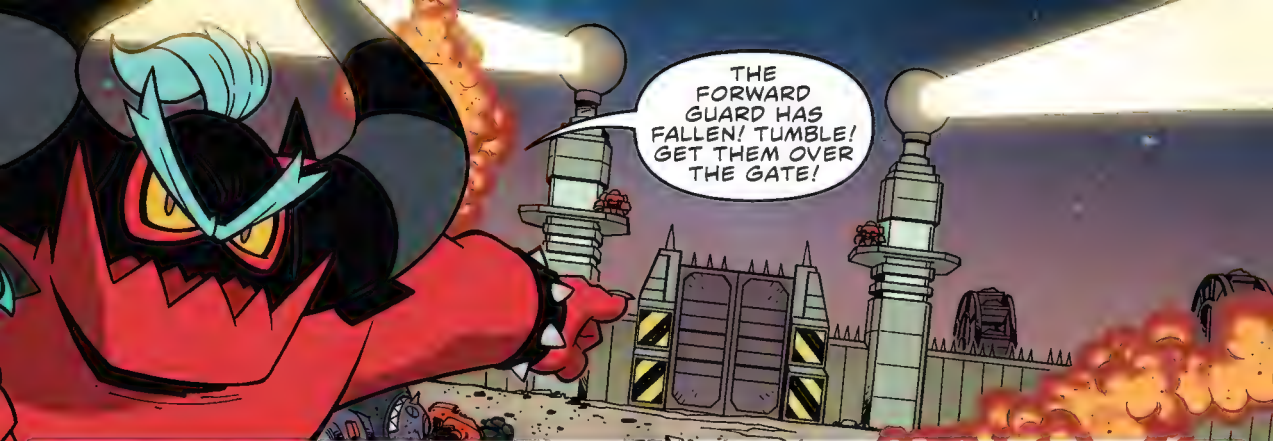
"GIVING HIM ANY AMOUNT OF POWER IS A GAMBLE. LETTING HIM KEEP IT? OUT OF THE QUESTION."



I HAD TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF KEEPING SOME OF THEM AROUND. PERHAPS FOLD THEM INTO MY MASTER PROJECT. BUT...

...NO. I CAN'T AFFORD SENTIMENTALITY. ONCE THIS IS OVER, THEY ALL NEED TO BE DISPOSED OF.





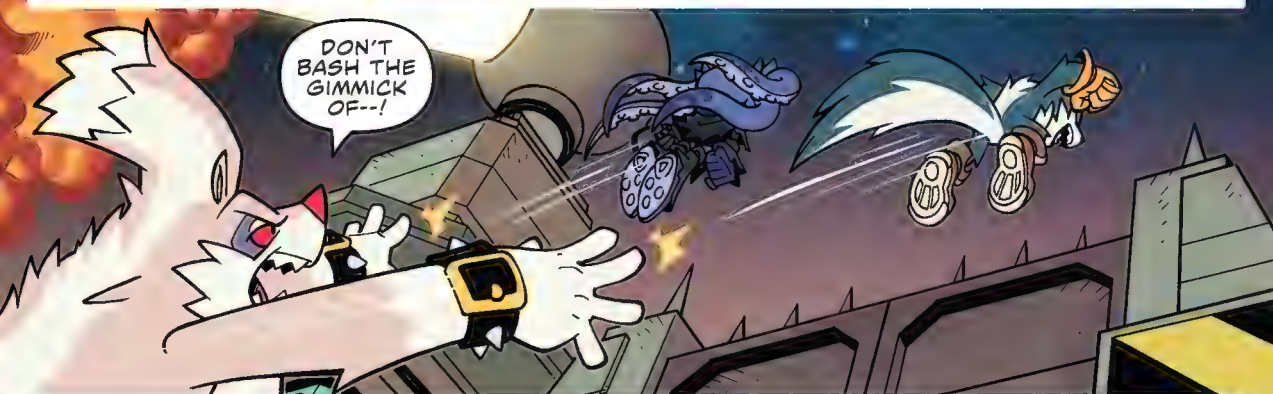
THE  
FORWARD  
GUARD HAS  
FALLEN! TUMBLE!  
GET THEM OVER  
THE GATE!



GO FOR  
THE LONG  
PASS!

I AIN'T  
GONNA  
FUMBLE!

KNOCK  
IT OFF!



DON'T  
BASH THE  
GIMMICK  
OF--!



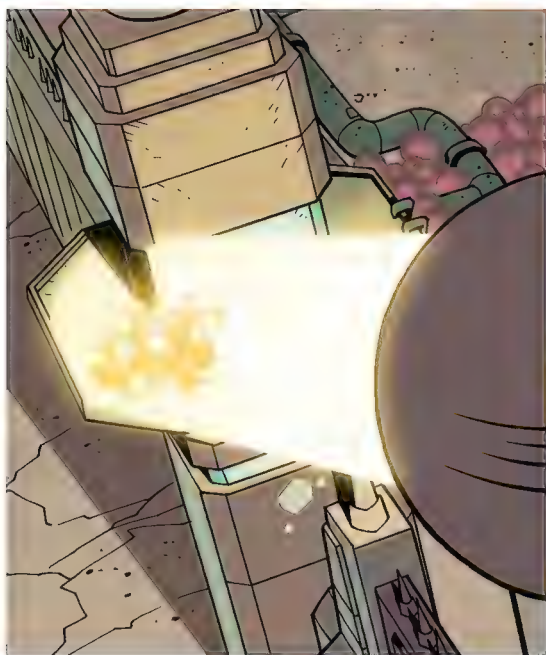
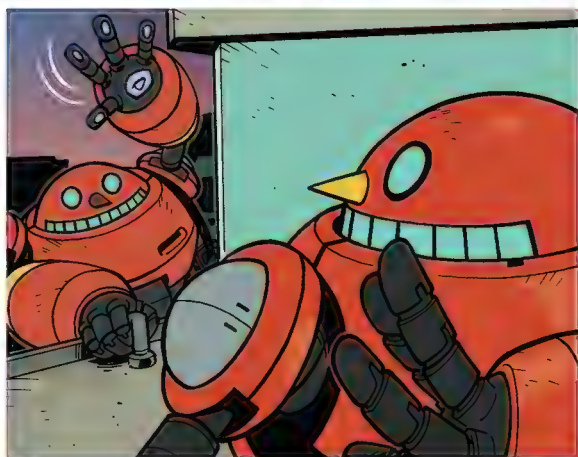
**-ROUGH &  
TUMBLE!**

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SMOKE-  
SCREEN COMIN'  
UP! THEY'LL  
NEVER SEE YA  
COMIN'!

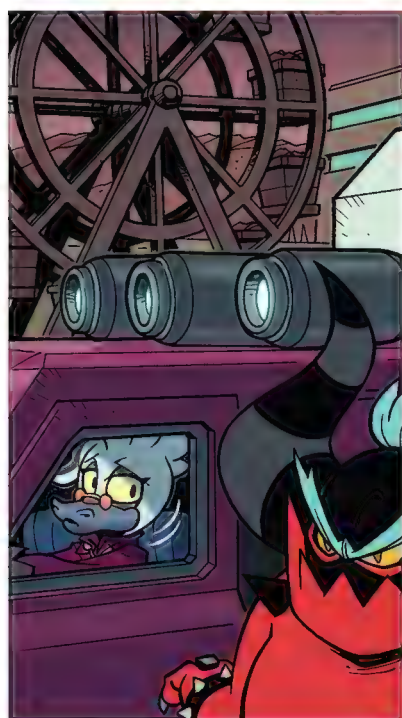
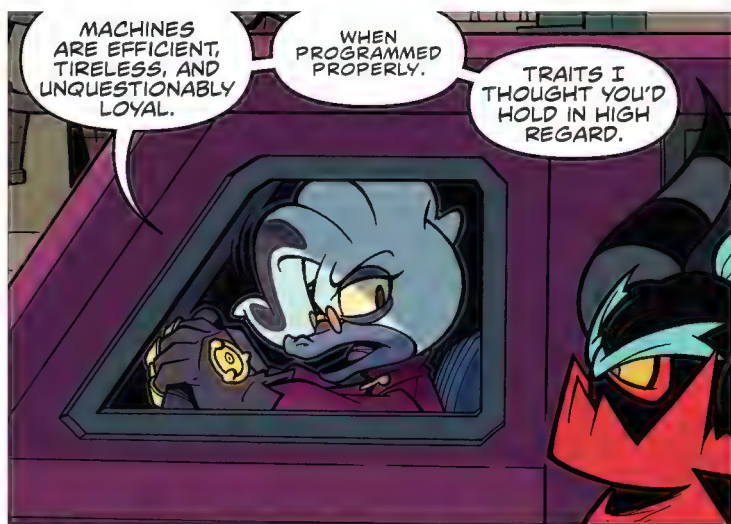




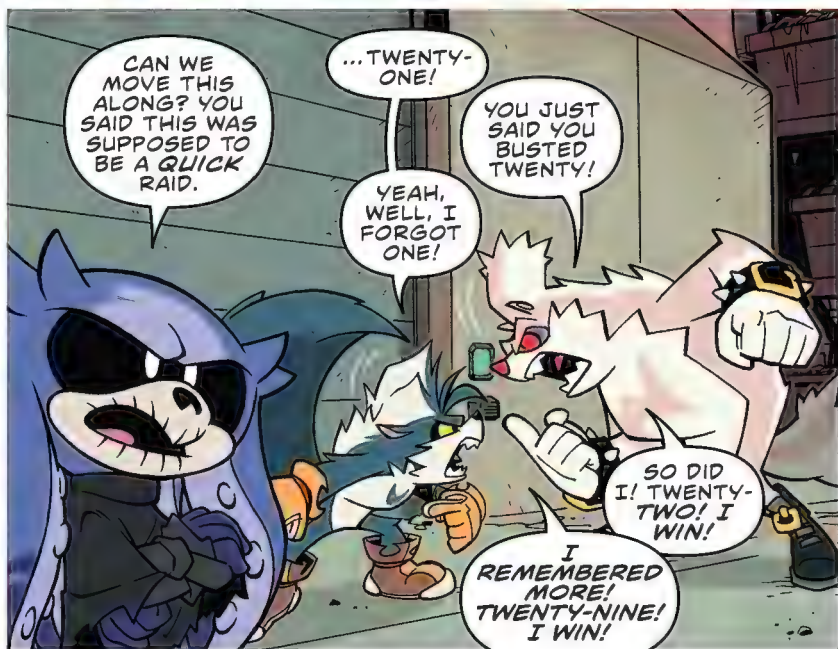
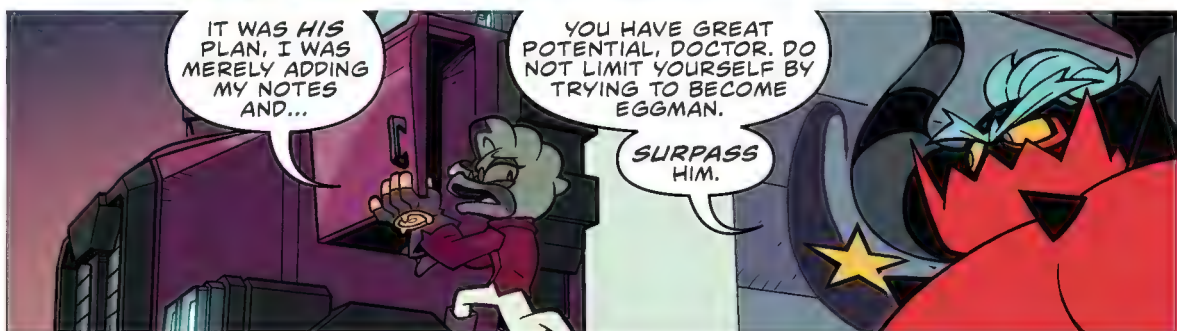




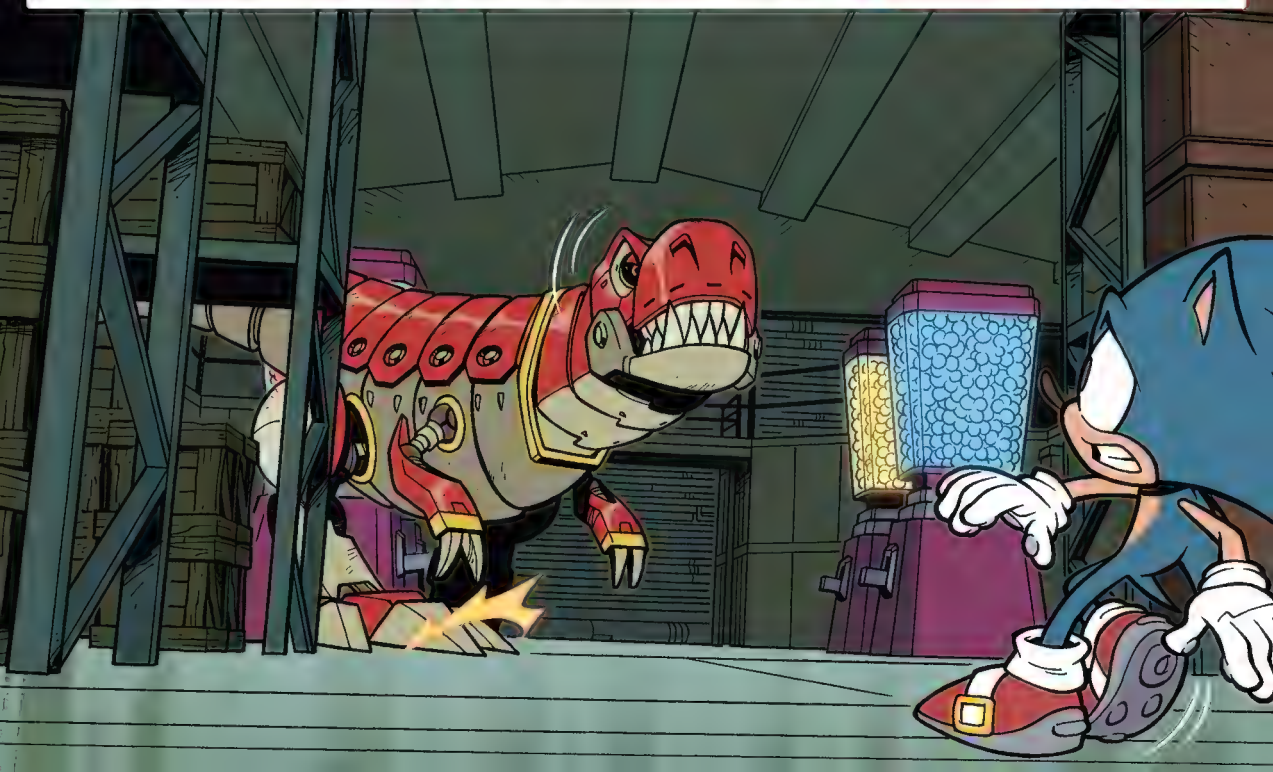




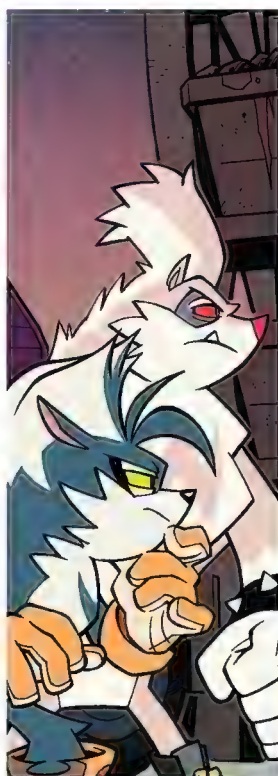
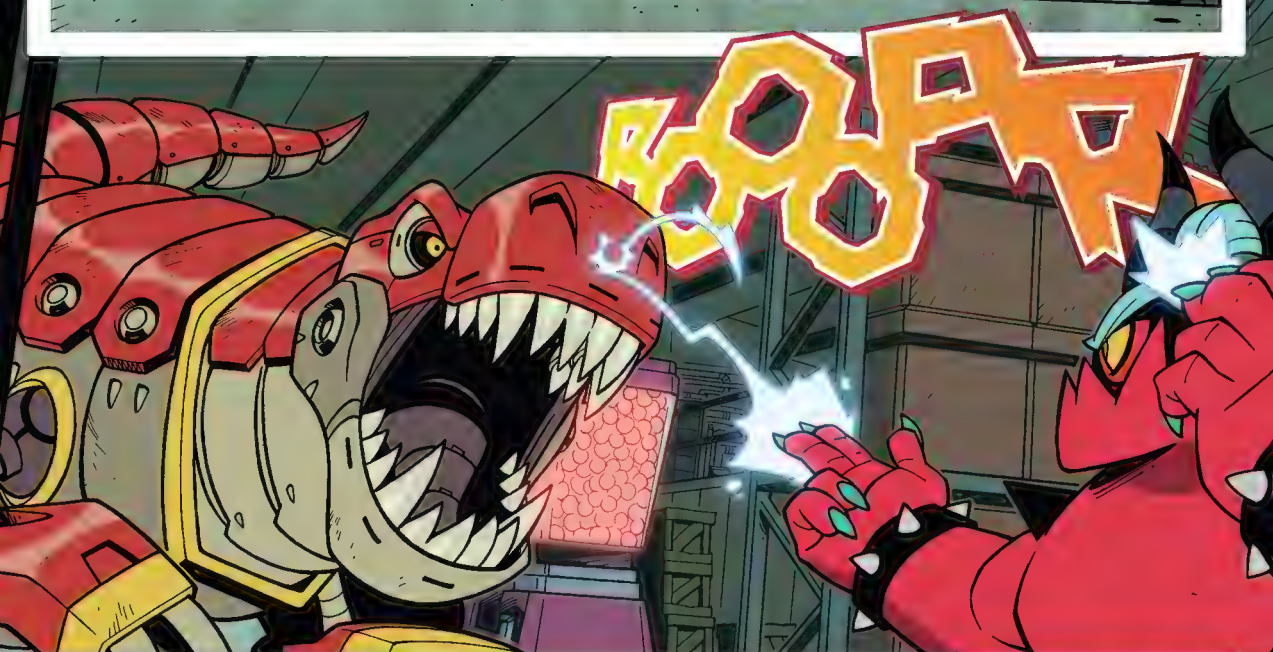




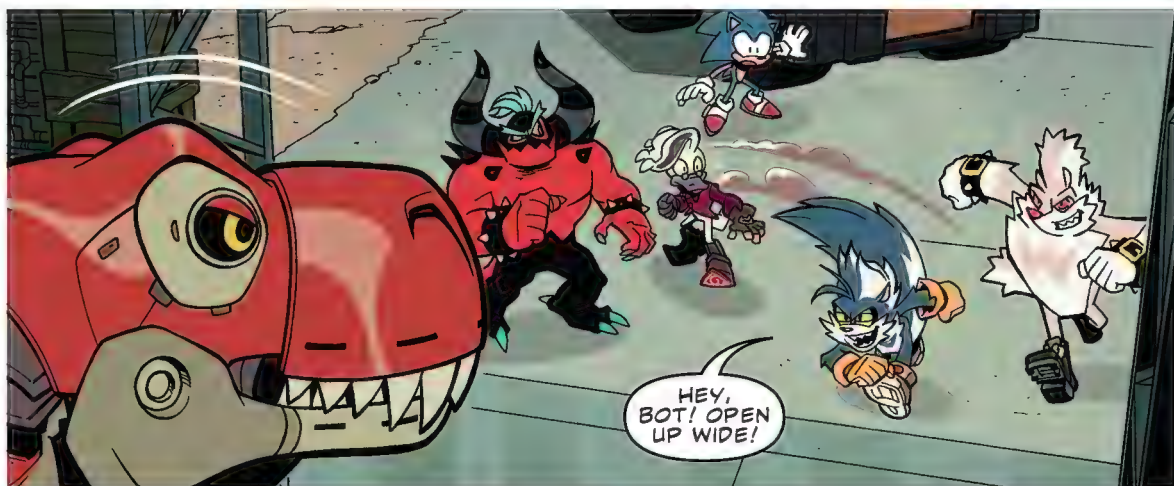




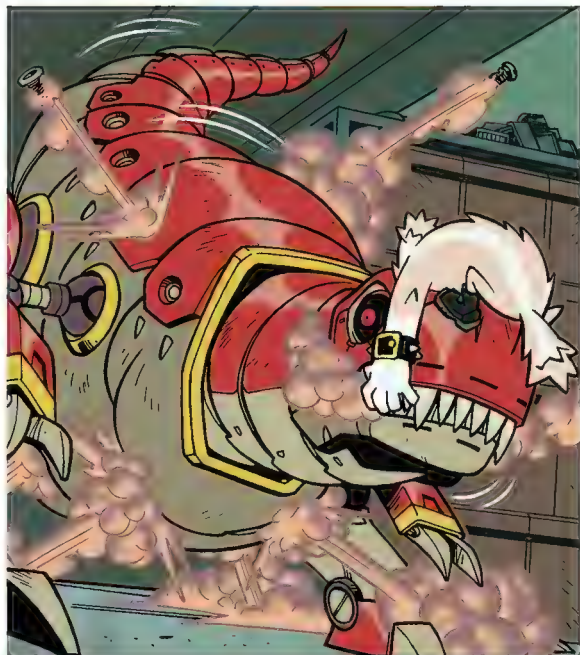




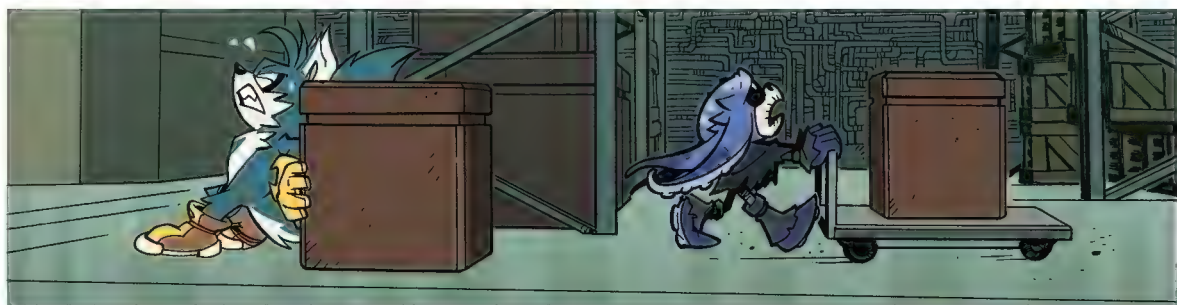
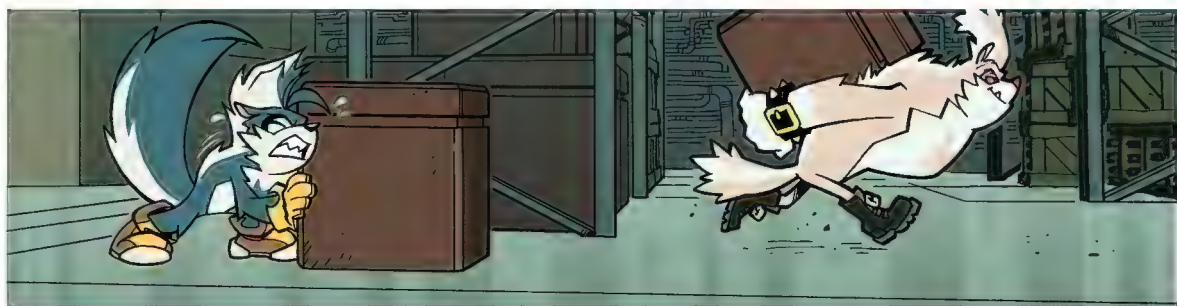




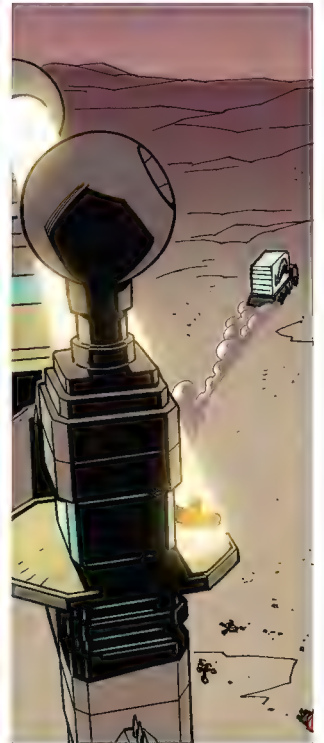
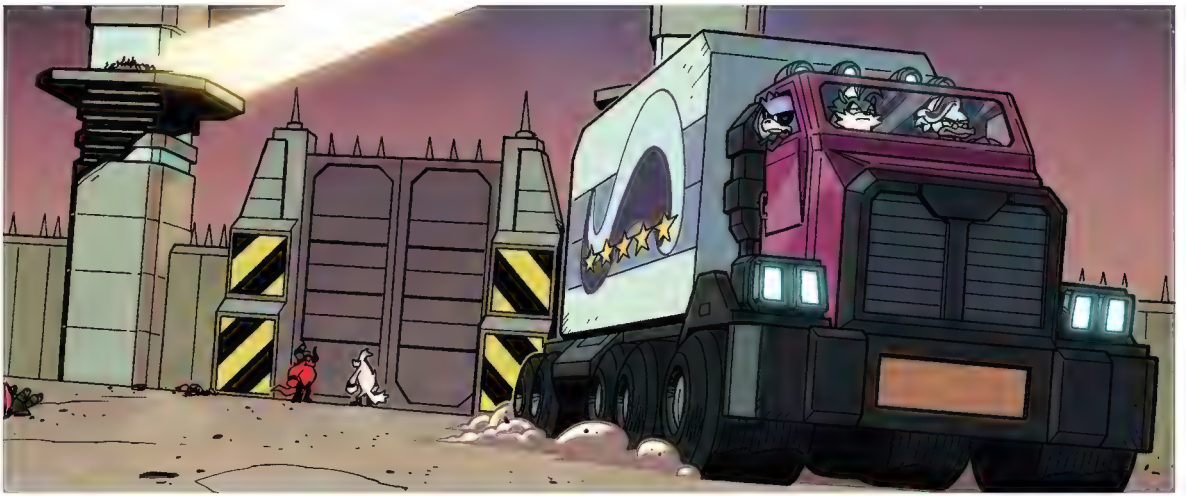














THE NEXT DAY...



HERE'S THE REPORT, BOSS. IT ISN'T PRETTY.



YOU CALL THIS A REPORT?

IT'S ALL WE HAVE ON FILE, BOSS. BUT IT SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR SONIC IS TO BLAME.



THERE'RE MISSING DATABASES. AND THE SECURITY FOOTAGE IS INCOMPLETE.

WHY?



TO COVER HIS TRACKS?

THEN WHY MOCK ME TO MY OWN SURVEILLANCE CAMERA?

THEN PERHAPS IT WAS TAILS TRYING TO COVER FOR HIM?

PROWER WOULDN'T BE THIS SLOPPY.



NO, SOMETHING ELSE IS GOING ON. AND WHEN I FIND OUT WHO'S UP TO IT, THEY'RE GOING TO PAY DEARLY.





ZAVOK  
HAS A POINT. NO  
ROBOT I'VE BUILT  
WOULD'VE DONE  
WHAT ROUGH AND  
TUMBLE DID.

BUT I WON'T  
ALLOW MYSELF TO  
RELY ON ANYONE  
AGAIN. NOT IN THE  
WAY THE TEAM  
THINKS I RELY ON  
THEM NOW.



FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT ONCE  
I CAN MOVE  
FORWARD WITH  
MY LONG-TERM  
PLAN.

FOR  
NOW, I MUST  
FOCUS ON THE  
PRESENT...



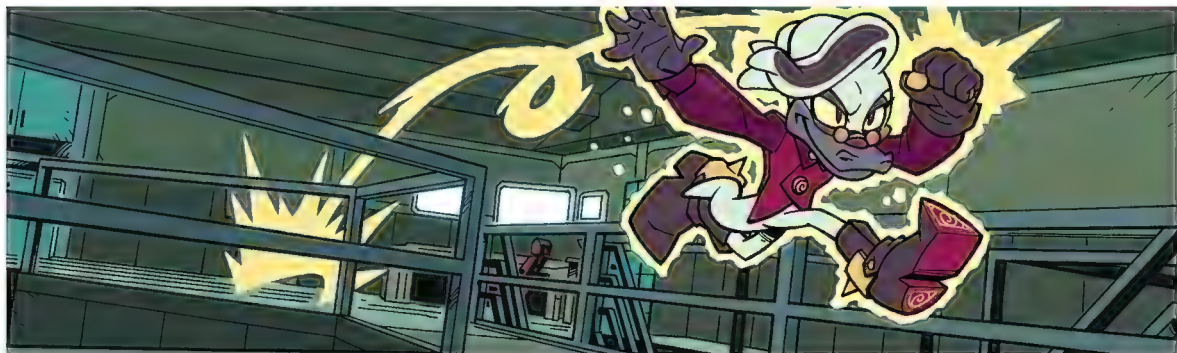
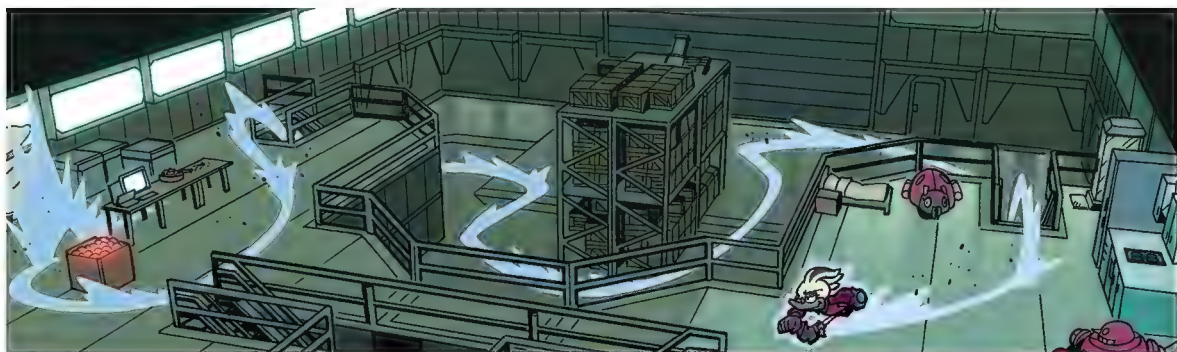
...TO  
ENABLE THE  
FUTURE.



AND I'M ONE  
STEP CLOSER  
TO ACHIEVING  
THAT DREAM NOW  
THAT I HAVE  
THIS!

A MEANS  
TO ENSURE I  
NEVER HAVE  
TO RELY ON  
ANYONE  
AGAIN!



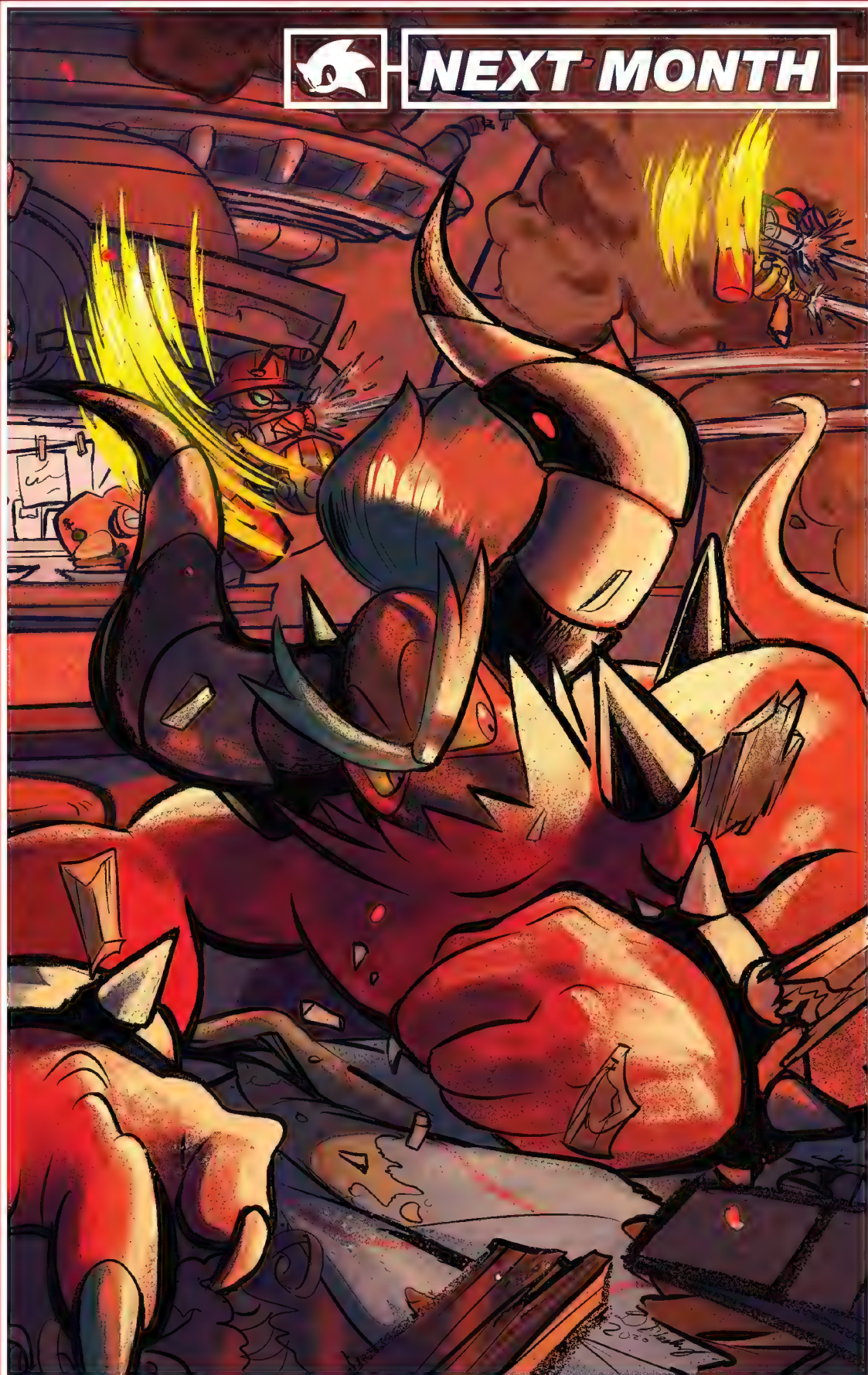


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POWER GRAB!**

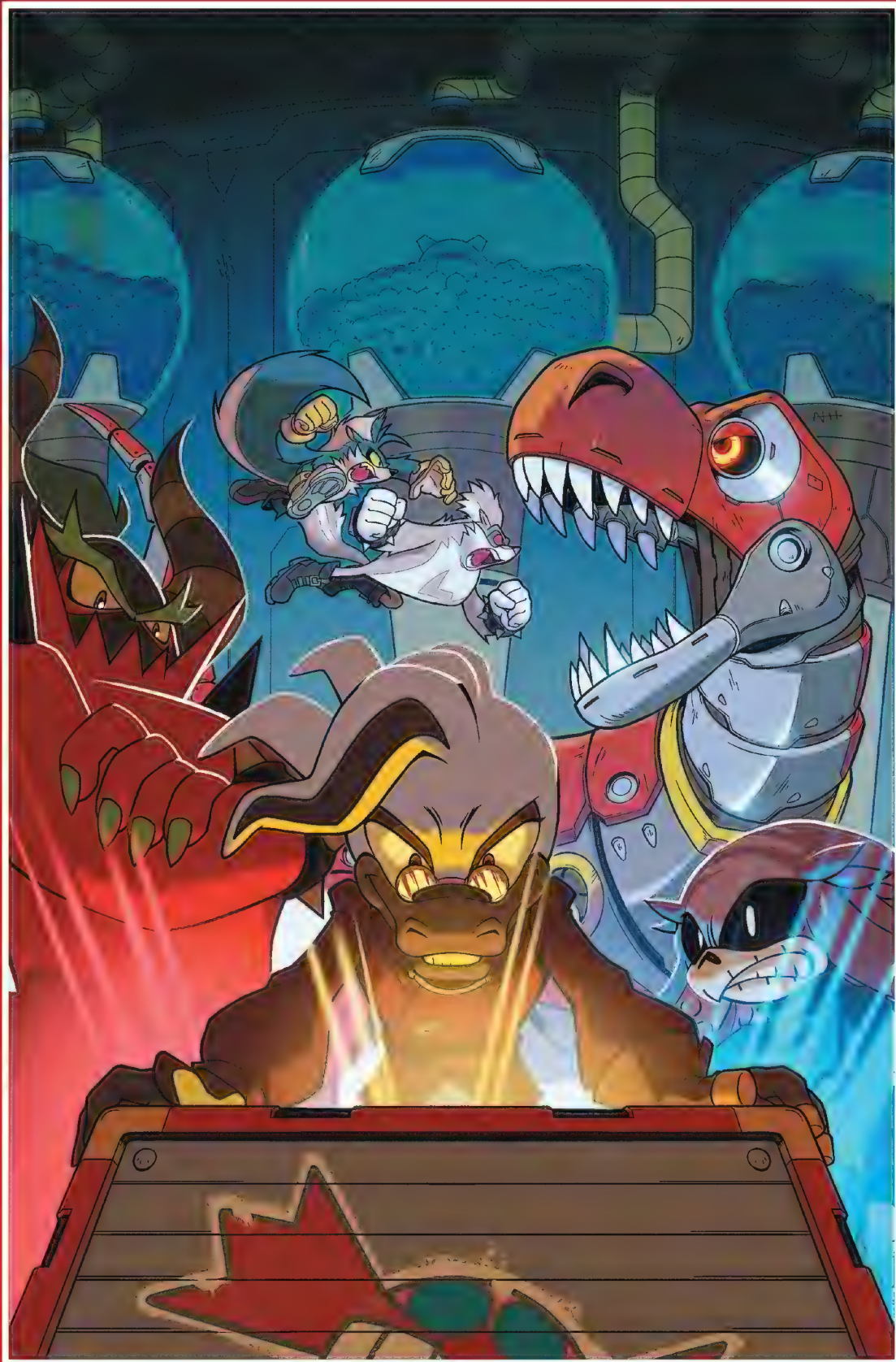




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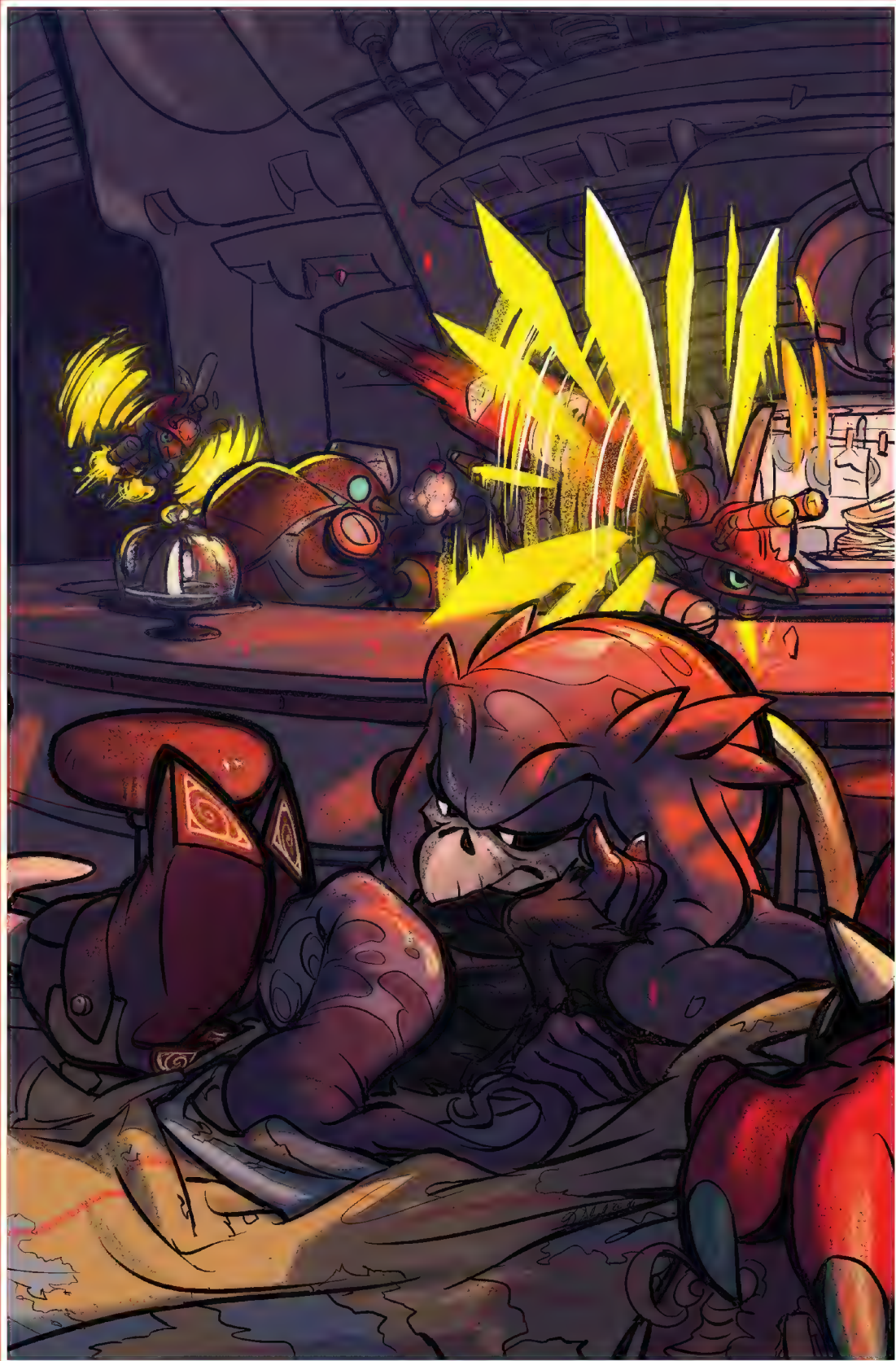






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# LETTERS SQUAD

*Uh oh... Starline's got some new powers! This isn't good... but something tells me the other Bad Guys have something up their sleeve... Thanks for joining Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Leonardo Ito, and Shawn Lee for the second installment of Sonic the Hedgehog: Bad Guys! Let's take a look at your letters and get to know a bit more about Jack Lawrence in the brand new "Creator Corner"!*

Greetings IDW Sonic Team!

My name is Despina, I am from Greece and I am 12 years old (my big sister is helping me write this letter). I love drawing Sonic characters and I am very excited to share my drawing of Dr. Starline! He is one of my favorite villains from the series and I'd love to see more of him in the future. I hope you like it!

Thank you IDW Sonic Team for making awesome comics! They inspire me and make my day!

Best Wishes,  
Despina

*Greetings, Despina!*

*Wow! It's so cool that Sonic has fans all over the world! The IDW offices are in California, the creators are from the U.S., Canada, England, and many other places, and you're from Greece. Those places may be far apart for us, but I bet Sonic could visit all of us in a second.*

*I hope you're enjoying Starline in Bad Guys! Thank you for your wonderfully fun drawing and your kind words.*

*Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your Bad Guys art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, the bad guys test out their enhanced powers!*

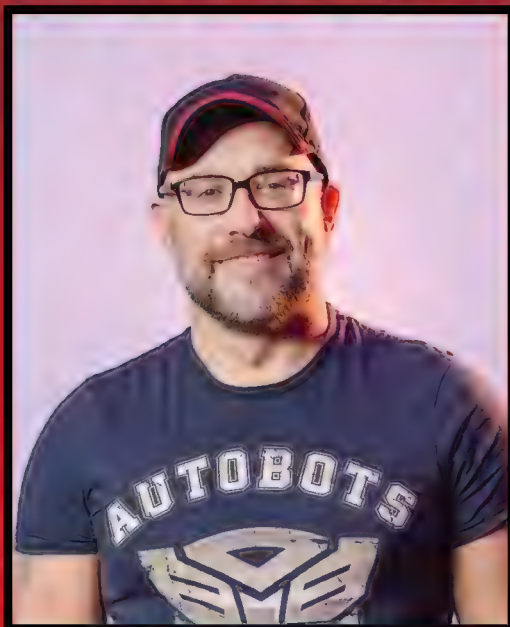
## DR. STARLINE





## CREATOR CORNER:

# JACK LAWRENCE



*1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?*

I do the line drawings, from pencils to finished inks, ready to be sent over to the colorist.

*2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?*

Mimic. I love how bad he is, and he looks so cool! He's a tiny little bundle of nastiness and I love him!

*3. How do you take your chili dog?*

I've never eaten a chili dog in my life. They're not a big thing here in the UK. I love a hot dog though; just a bit of mustard on it, thanks.

*4. How did you first discover Sonic?*

When I was at school, I used to walk through a shopping mall every morning on my way there, and one day this TV display in an electronics shop was playing the demo of the very first Sonic the Hedgehog game. I was 15 at the time and it completely blew me away! I got my first part-time job as a cleaner just so I could earn enough money to buy a Mega Drive so I could play Sonic.

*5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?*

I think I worked on the 2019 Annual first, but issue #15 was my first full issue.

*6. What's a boring fact about yourself?*

I love putting things into protective things, like putting trading cards into sleeves, or my Funko Pops into Pop Protectors. I could do it all day; it's amazing!

*7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?*

My all-time favorite is *Akira*, but my favorite current comic is *My Hero Academia*.

*8. What do you do when you're not drawing working on Sonic?*

I'll either be preparing for or playing Dungeons and Dragons, probably.

*9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?*

I have a tiny Chopper toy that came in a little egg full of sweets back in the early 90's. I got it from the shop up the road from school. It was a bit disappointing, because I'd have preferred pretty much any toy except Chopper, so I got another egg a bit later and got, guess what? Another Chopper. Ridiculous.

*10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?*

I'd probably go with Silver; he's very sweet and I think he and I would get on really well.

*11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?*

I'd be a badger!



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C'MON  
EVERYONE!  
IT'S A  
GORGEOUS  
DAY!

RACE YA  
AROUND THE  
VILLAGE!  
ANYONE!  
EVERYONE!

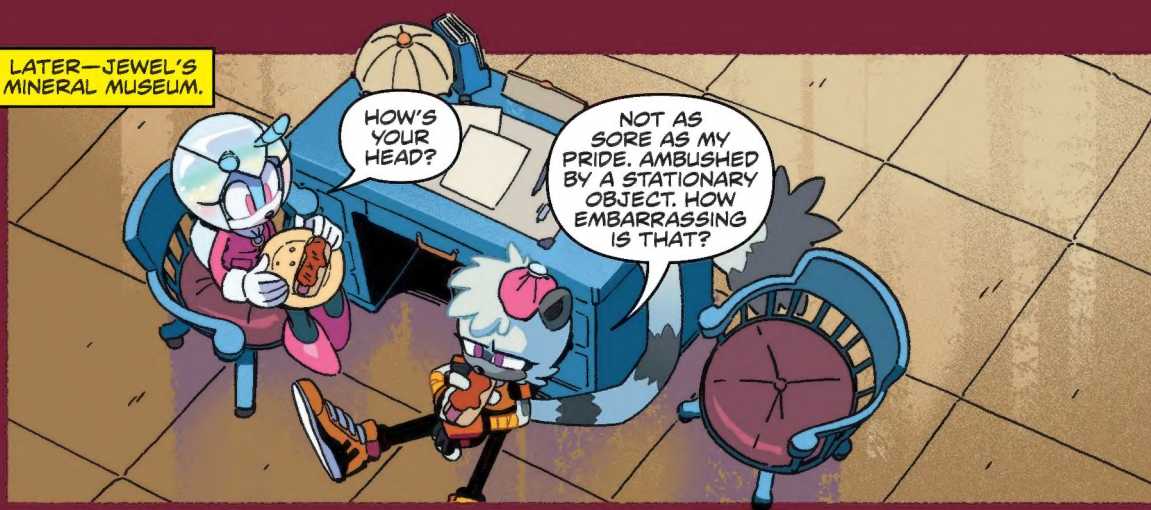








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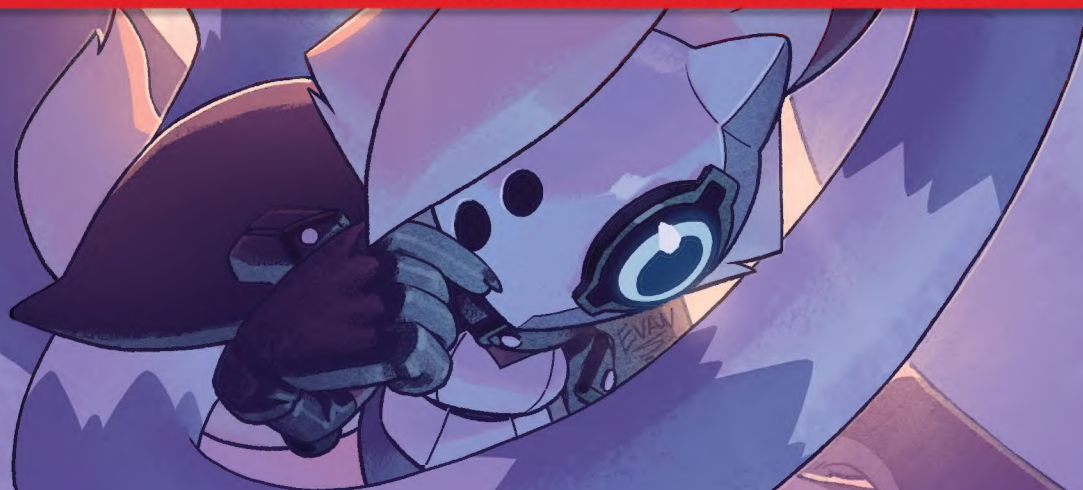
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